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SUBJECT: CYPRUS - GENEVA MARK II

1. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION TODAY (AUG. 6) ABOUT CYPRUS, FCO SOURCE CLOSE TO CALLAGHAN TOLD US THAT BRITISH STRATEGY AT SECOND GENEVA CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS WILL BE TO SKETCH OUT IN VERY BROAD TERMS PARAMETERS OF A POSSIBLE LONG-TERM ARRANGEMENT FOR THE ISLAND, LEAVING TO OFFICIALS THE TASK OF WORKING OUT DETAILS OVER WHAT FCO ASSUMES WILL BE PROTRACTED PERIOD OF TIME. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT IDEALLY THE MOMENT SHOULD BE SEIZED TO WORK OUT A SOLUTION FAIRLY QUICKLY BUT THE ATTITUDE OF THE TURKS WOULD SEEM TO RULE THIS OUT. HE COMMENTED THAT THE BRITISH HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES OF TURKEY ARE ON CYPRUS, AND THIS MAKES IT EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO PLAN ANY DETAILED STRATEGY. ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE, CALLAGHAN HOPES THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE WHICH WILL START ON AUGUST 8 WILL NOT LAST MORE THAN SEVERAL DAYS, POSSIBLY ADJOURNING EARLY NEXT WEEK TO LEAVE DETAILED WORK IN HANDS OF OFFICIALS. SOURCE AND OUR OTHER FCO CONTACTS CONTINUE TO BE BOTH
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PUZZLED AND DISTURBED BY THE TURKISH BEHAVIOR ON THE

ISLAND AND HOPE IT WILL NOT JEOPARDIZE THE CHANCES OF CONVENING THE CONFERENCE AS SCHEDULED. THE SENSE OF FRUSTRATION OF THE FCO IS REFLECTED IN A FURTHER COMMENT OF OUR SOURCE THAT CALLAGHAN FEELS IT IS ESSENTIAL TO "RATION" DEMARCHES BY THE BRITISH TO THE GREEKS AND TURKS LEST THEY LOSE EFFECT WITH BOTH PARTIES.

2. AS WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY REPORTED, CALLAGHAN AND HIS ADVISORS VERY MUCH HOPE THAT IT WILL BE CONVENIENT FOR HARTMAN TO COME TO LONDON ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, IN TIME FOR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE CALLAGHAN LEAVES FOR GENEVA, AND THEY HOPE THAT STABLER WILL BE ABLE TO JOIN CALLAGHAN'S PARTY FOR THE TRIP FROM LONDON TO GENEVA.

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